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The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Board shall advise the Mayor; City Council; City Manager; all departments; all offices of the City; City Boards and committees; and other public agencies that provide services within the City, on matters related to bicycling and/or walking and the impact that their actions may have on the bicycling and/or walking environment. City of Wichita Ordinance 490441

Date July 16, 2020

To: Mayor Whipple, Council members and City Manager
From: Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

RE: Emporia Street Two-Way Conversion - Dewey to Central

At the July 14, 2020 meeting of the Wichita Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting Shawn Mellies, Department of Public Works, provided information about the proposed Emporia Street Two-Way Conversion, from Dewey northward to Central.
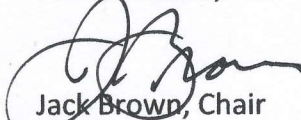
As part of the project the pedestrian signal at the Transit Center located just north of Emporia and English will be removed and at 3rd and Emporia the traffic signal light will be moved to another location and replaced with stop signs.

There was concern expressed by members of the public and the board about the proposed removal of the signal at the Transit Center crossing.   It was mentioned that this crosswalk was helpful for pedestrians to cross during events at the INTRUST Arena. The removal of the signal could possibly pose a safety issue for pedestrians and cyclists alike.

Based on the presentation the board recommends:

1. Approval of the two-way conversion of Emporia Street.
2. Further evaluation of the removal of the pedestrian signal at the transit center.
3. Consideration of lowering the speed of vehicular traffic along this section of Emporia Street.

For the board,

Jack Brown, Chair
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Cc: Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Board Members, Scott Wadle, Gary Janzen